Table B-18. Number of 1995 and 1996 science and engineering master's degree recipients, by future plans for highest degree expected, by major field of degree: April 1997

Major field of 1995-96 S&E master's degree	Total recipients	Future plans for highest degree expected		
		Master's degree	Doctorate	Professional
All science and engineering fields	149,500	61,900	81,000	6,600
Major type				
Total science	102,500	37,400	59,500	5,600
Total engineering	47,000	24,500	21,500	1,000
Major field				
Computer and information sciences	18,200	9,700	8,400	S
Life and related sciences, total	15,300	5,900	7,000	2,400
Agricultural and food sciences	2,500	1,300	1,200	S
Biological sciences	10,500	3,400	4,600	2,400
Environmental life sciences including forestry sciences	2,400	1,200	1,100	S
Mathematical and related sciences	7,900	3,100	4,600	S
Physical and related sciences, total	9,700	3,000	6,300	S
Chemistry, except biochemistry	3,900	1,200	2,400	S
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography	2,400	1,100	1,200	S
Physics and astronomy	3,000	S	2,500	S
Other physical sciences	S	S	S	S
Psychology	26,400	6,700	19,000	S
Social and related sciences, total	25,100	9,100	14,200	1,800
Economics	4,100	1,400	2,600	S
Political science and related sciences	8,100	2,900	4,200	S
Sociology and anthropology	4,200	1,100	2,800	S
Other social sciences	8,700	3,600	4,600	S
Engineering, total	47,000	24,500	21,500	1,000
Aerospace and related engineering	1,500	500	900	S
Chemical engineering	2,000	800	1,100	S
Civil and architectural engineering	6,500	4,100	2,300	S
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering	16,100	7,800	8,100	S
Industrial engineering	3,200	1,500	1,700	S
Mechanical engineering	7,200	4,100	3,100	S
Other engineering	10,400	5,600	4,300	S

KEY: S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

NOTES: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.
These estimates on recent college graduates are obtained from a sample survey of individuals whose most recent bachelor's master's degree is in a science or engineering field and may differ from degree counts presented in other SRS publications.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Studies, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 1997